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FOLLOWING REPEATS VIENTIANE 4604 ACTION DEPT UDORN
DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI UDORN, INFO BANGKOK CDR USSAGI/7TH AF NKP,
13TH AF CC CLARK AFB, 13TH ADVON CC UDORN, CINCPAC JUNE 28TH

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 4604

BANGKOK ALSO FOR RAMSEY, USAID/LAOS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, PINS, PFOR, LA, US

SUBJ: TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL REDUCTION OF MISSION STAFF

REF: VIENTIANE 4598

1. IN LIGHT DEVELOPMENTS DESCRIBED REFTEL, WE HAVE
DECIDED TO EFFECT TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF MISSION STAFF AT
LEAST THROUGH JUNE 30, DATE CITED FREQUENTLY FOR LARGE-
SCALE DEMONSTRATIONS IN VIENTIANE.

2. OUR HEAD-COUNT AS OF MID-DAY LOCAL TIME JUNE 28
AFTER DEPARTURES THIS MORNING STANDS AT 41 PERSONS (VICE 42
AS REPORTED LAST PARA REFTEL.) TWO FEDERAL ELECTRIC
CONTRACT EMPLOYEES ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART BY REGULAR
COMMERCIAL FLIGHT JUNE 29 AND WILL STICK TO PLANS.

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3. THIS LEAVES TOTAL OF 39 EMPLOYEES, BOTH DIRECT-

HIRE AND CONTRACT. WE PLAN TO SEND TEN TO UDORN ON
ATTACHE C-47 THIS AFTERNOON AND ANOTHER NINE MORNING OF
JUNE 29. THIS WILL LEAVE 20 EMPLOYEES IN VIENTIANE, AND
WE BELIEVE WE CAN OPERATE ON THIS STRIPPED-DOWN BASIS FOR
THE WEEKEND AND MONDAY. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE SOME
FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF RESIDENCES AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.

4. LATER IN DAY WE WILL FURNISH LISTS OF THOSE WHO
TRAVEL TO UDORN JUNE 28, THOSE MANIFESTED FOR JUNE 29, AND
THOSE SCHEDULED TO REMAIN.
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